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**From:** Calli, Rosemary [Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 11/3/2020 1:09:39 PM  
**To:** 404Assumption-FL [404Assumption-FL@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Proposal to Take Over the Wetlands Permitting Must Be Denied

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**From:** R4Stories <R4Stories@epa.gov>  
**Date:** November 2, 2020 at 8:19:43 PM EST  
**To:** "Calli, Rosemary" <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Bell, Mary A." <Bell.Marya@epa.gov>, "Lovett, Queen" <Lovett.Queen@epa.gov>, "Maddox, Sherry" <Maddox.Sherry@epa.gov>  
**Subject: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Proposal to Take Over the Wetlands Permitting Must Be Denied**

Rosemary,

Please reference the comments below from Ms. Judy McCluney regarding the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's proposal to take over the wetlands permitting. Please note, Ms. McCluney's email was received through the Regional EPA website,

**Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** If this is an email that you can respond to please follow-up with Ms. McCluney via email at **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** Also, please forward cc's to the names listed above to advise or update on the response. If you are not the contact to respond, please forward this message.

Thanks for any assistance you can provide.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** On Behalf Of EPA  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 1, 2020 2:02 PM  
**To:** R4Stories <R4Stories@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Form submission from: About EPA Contacting EPA Region 4 (Southeast) form

Submitted on 11/01/2020 2:02PM

Submitted values are:

Name: Judy McCluney

State: Florida

Email: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**

Comments:

As a Floridian I am very aware of the importance of wetlands to the security and prosperity of our communities. They are essential for protecting our water, buffering floods, nurturing fish and wildlife, and limiting pollution.

Yet they are often drained and paved over. It takes thorough and expert evaluation to make decisions about giving permits to develop wetlands.

Our state EPA does not have the staff and expertise that the Army Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Fisheries Service and Environmental Protection Agency has. Thus the FDEP's proposal to take over wetland permitting must be denied.

While they may have input to the issue, as the community should have input, they should not have main authority to the exclusion of the expertise of the other agencies. For the sake of our state, it's land, water, and future, please maintain the multi-agency system currently in use for evaluating wetlands status and permitting. Sincerely, Judy McCluney Cocoa, Florida